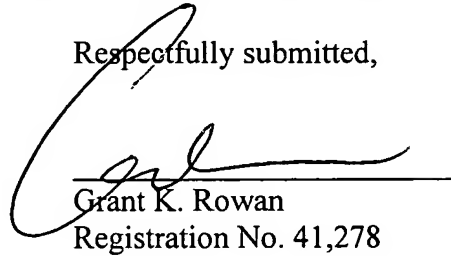


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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant K. Rowan', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'G'.

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